

United States Court of Appeals
FOR THE EIGHTH CIRCUIT

No. 02-1783

Hakeem A. Malik,

Appellant,

v.

Laine Cardarella; Federal Public
Defender's Office,

Appellees.

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Appeal from the United States
District Court for the
Western District of Missouri.

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Submitted: August 7, 2003

Filed: August 7, 2003

Before BOWMAN, BYE, and MELLOY, Circuit Judges.

PER CURIAM.

Federal inmate Hakeem A. Malik appeals the preservice dismissal of his civil rights action. Having carefully reviewed the record, see Cooper v. Schriro, 189 F.3d 781, 783 (8th Cir. 1999) (per curiam) (applying de novo review), we conclude the District Court¹ properly dismissed the complaint because Malik's court-appointed defense counsel was not a government actor, see Polk County v. Dodson, 454 U.S. 312, 325 (1981); Christian v. Crawford, 907 F.2d 808, 810 (8th Cir. 1990) (per

¹The Honorable Fernando J. Gaitan, Jr., United States District Judge for the Western District of Missouri.

curiam). We decline to consider Malik's conclusory allegations of conspiracy, which he did not mention below. Accordingly, we affirm. See 8th Cir. R. 47B.

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